

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended is requested in light of the following discussion.

Claims 30-32, 34-40, 42-48 and 50-67 are pending in the present application. Claims 30, 38, 39, 42, 44, 46 and 47 have been amended and claims 54-67 have been added by the present Preliminary Amendment.

This Preliminary Amendment amends claims 30, 38, 39, 42, 44, 46 and 47 to more clearly define the invention. For example, dependent claim 32 includes the feature that the stream objects include a plurality of stream object units. Therefore, this feature has been removed from independent claim 30. Other similar changes were also made.

Also, new claims 54-67 have been added to set forth the invention in a varying scope. In particular, new claims 54-67 are similar to the other claims, but are a method and apparatus of searching time information claims.

Accordingly, an action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

CONCLUSION

All the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed and/or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently pending rejections and that they be withdrawn.

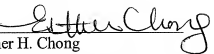
It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action, and that as such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to send the application to Issue.

In the event there are any matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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